

FORM B - BUILDING

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USGS Quad
Whitman

Area

Form #
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Massachusetts Historical Commission
Massachusetts Archives Building
220 Morrissey Boulevard
Boston, Massachusetts 02125



Town **Hanson**

Place

Address **971 Whitman Street**

Historic Name **Lincoln House**

Use: Present residence

Original residence

Date **before 1830 or c. 1840**

Source **maps & White's Houses**

Style/Form **Greek Revival/gable block**

Architect **N/A**

Exterior Material:

Foundation **granite & brick**

Wall/Trim **clapboard & shingle**

Roof **asphalt**

Outbuildings **garage, pool**

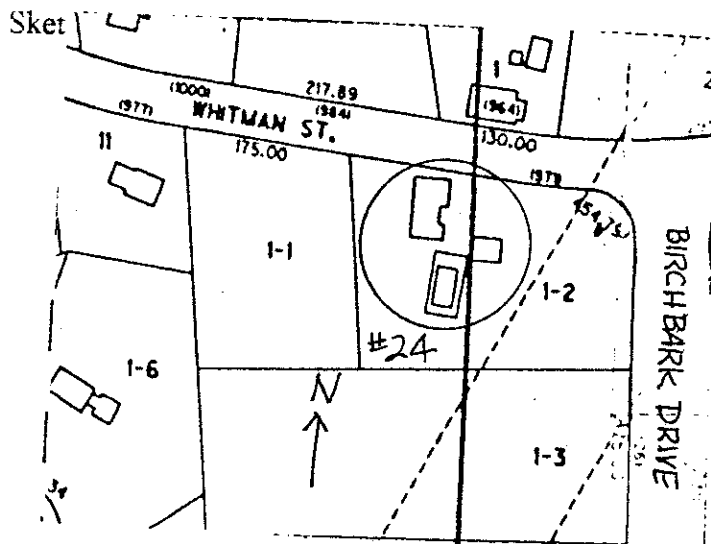
Major Alterations **none**

Condition **excellent**

Moved **no**

Acreage **1.26 acres**

Setting **rural residential**



Recorded by **Dempsey/Driemeyer**

Organization **Hanson Historical
Commission**

Date **May 1996**

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The Lincoln House at 971 Whitman Street is a modest, well-preserved, one-and-one-half story gable block in the Greek Revival style. The use of the gable block is comparatively rare in Hanson and most are sited with their gable end perpendicular to the street. This five-bay wide by two-bay deep block is sited parallel to the street. The most distinctive feature of the house is the full-width recessed front porch supported by molded Doric posts under a broad Doric entablature. On the facade the second story is augmented by a pair of large-scaled shed-roofed dormers. The rear elevation is augmented by a one-and-one-half story gabled service ell and a one-story addition that produce a T-shaped footprint. Both side elevations of the ell have recessed forward bays with secondary entries and shed-roofed dormers on the second story above the cut-aways. Characteristic of the Greek Revival style the large-scaled Doric ornament emphasizes window and door openings, corners and the cornice. On the Lincoln House this includes over-scaled paneled Doric corner pilasters and deep cornice returns. The house is sited extremely close to a heavily trafficked roadway in an area that combines the nineteenth-century rural landscape and late twentieth-century residential developments.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Whitman Street, a major thoroughfare from Hanson to Whitman (originally Abington), has had scattered residential development since the early nineteenth century. Indicative of the degree of settlement, School no. 6, which dates to before 1830, was located near the Lincoln House. Historic maps show a house present at this location by 1830, owned by L. Lincoln. The house's current form and detailing, however, is suggestive of a circa 1840 date of construction. Further research is necessary to determine whether the earlier structure was replaced by the present one or was significantly altered to its present appearance. The house remained in the Lincoln family until sometime after the 1930s. By 1903 the house was owned by Levi P. Lincoln, a sole leather cutter. White indicates the father of Levi P. "modernized" the house but does not elaborate. Levi P. Lincoln's 1903 valuation shows the property included a barn which purportedly burned in 1954. Further research is necessary to determine the house's original date of construction and how the building was altered.

REFERENCES

- Smith, Plan of Hanson, 1830
- Walling, Map of Hanson, 1856
- Walker, Atlas of Plymouth County, 1879
- Richards, Atlas of Plymouth County, 1903
- White, Houses of Hanson
- Town of Hanson Valuation Lists, 1903

☒ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. See NR Criteria Statement form.

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National Register of Historic Places Criteria Statement Form



Check all that apply:

☒ Individually eligible.
☐ Contributing to a potential district.

☐ Eligible only in a historic district.
☐ Potential historic district.

Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D

Criteria Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Statement of Significance by **Dempsey/Driemeyer**.

This property is significant as a well-preserved example of early building patterns in the town of Hanson, in a settlement configuration distinctive to the town and probably the region. Among the best examples of its type in town, it may be individually eligible but should be evaluated for its role in potential districts when its neighbors can be examined more carefully. The property meets criteria A and C at the local level and retains integrity of location, setting, design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association.